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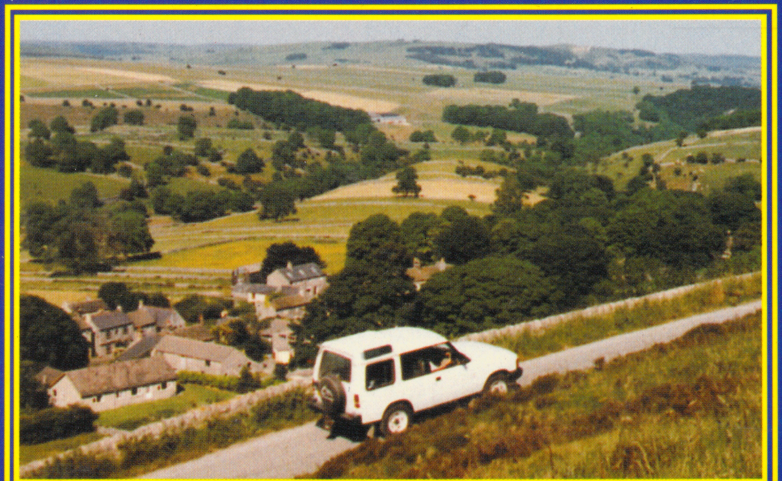

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STARTING OUT ON YOUR ROUTES

The time needed to complete these narrated tours is entirely up to you. Stop whenever you wish, visit wherever you want, have a picnic or take a stroll, but please remember to stop the tape whenever you park. Should you miss a direction or piece of information, simply rewind the tape to that point and continue on your journey.

The start-point for both of our drives into the peakland countryside begins in the Car Park, which is situated next to the mullioned windows of the Market Hall.

But before we begin our journey ~ ***PLEASE*** take a few moments to prepare for your Discovery Tapes Drive.

1. **LOAD CASSETTE** & **CHECK TAPE** is positioned at the **START** of the **ROUTE** you wish to undertake.
2. **POSITION** your vehicle **OPPOSITE** the two public houses ~ The Queen's Arms and The Peacock.
3. **START CASSETTE** & **LISTEN** to the **INTRODUCTION** to our journey.
4. **COMMENCE** your Discovery Tapes Drive ~ We hope that **YOU** Enjoy Your Day!

CAUTION!

Whilst enjoying the drives and scenery of the Peak District National Park ~ always expect the unexpected!

Each Discovery Tapes Drive covers 20-30 miles, much of the time spent on quiet country roads ~ but around the next bend may be a tractor, a herd of cows or a group of walkers . . .

. . . SO PLEASE TAKE CARE

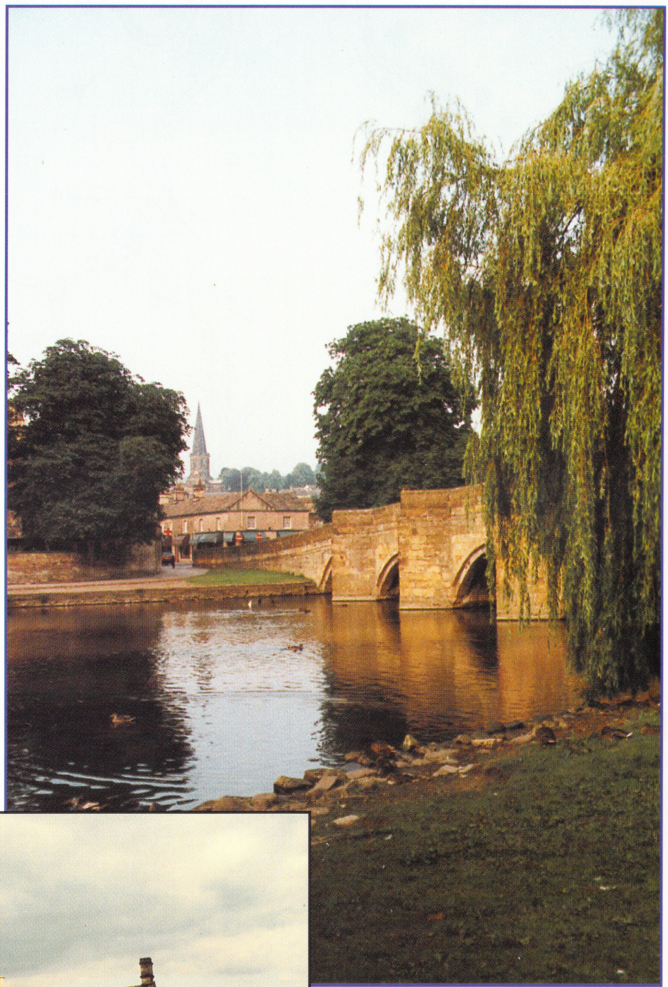
THE HISTORIC TOWN OF BAKEWELL

The centre for our two scenic drives is the historical market town of Bakewell, which is situated alongside the green pastures of the River Wye, some 25 miles north of Derby on the A6. Overlooked by the more rugged terrain of the neighbouring hills, Bakewell offers the visitor many delights, both within the town as well as through the lanes and villages that surround this, the only town to be found within the boundaries of the Peak District National Park.

Bakewell is a town of great character ~ with its fine buildings, excellent shopping and parking facilities, the weekly cattle market each Monday, the annual Wells Dressings and Carnival Week and the two-day Bakewell Show.

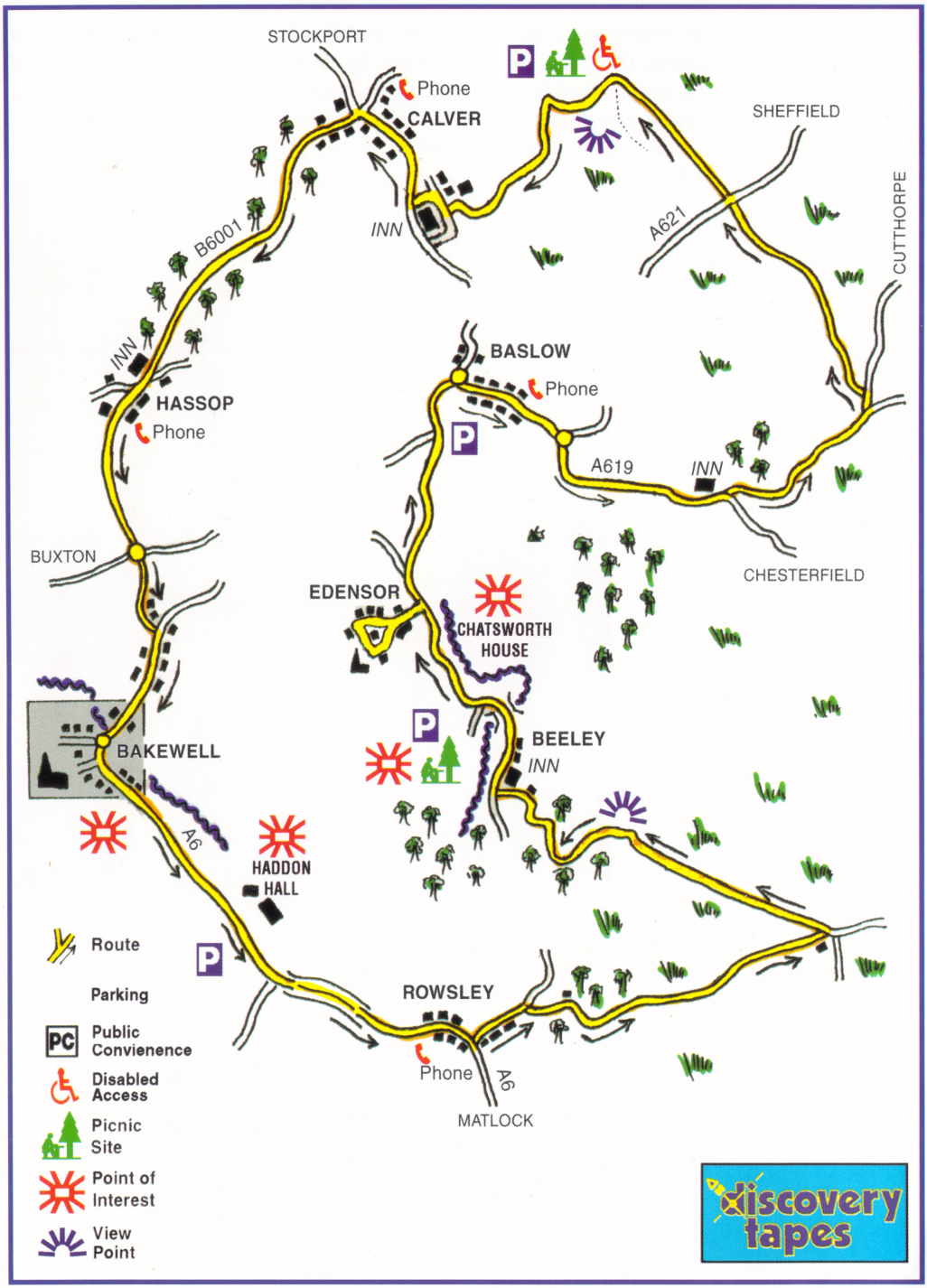
With such a long and interesting history there is much to be seen and enjoyed along the narrow streets and paths of Bakewell ~ Rutland Square, Bath Gardens, The Market Hall, and All Saints Church to name but a few.

Details of general and local information can best be found at the National Park and Tourist Information Centre, which is situated in the 17th century Market Hall in Bridge Street, Tel: 01629 813227.



Old House Museum ~ Open Daily
April ~ October ~ 14.00 - 17.00
Tel: 01629 813165

BAKEWELL ~ ROUTE A



HADDON HALL to BEELEY

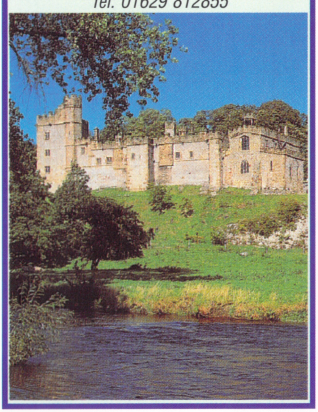
HADDON HALL

Built over 600 years ago, this magical old manor house has triumphantly withstood the passage of time. Originally home to William the Conqueror's illegitimate son, Haddon has now been owned by the Dukes of Rutland since the sixteenth century. Little has been added since the reign of Henry VIII, whose elder brother was frequently a guest.

The unique charm of this magnificent old house and idyllic rose gardens has made it a popular choice with film producers over recent years. "The Princess Bride" was filmed on location at Haddon Hall and, in 1996, Franco Zeffirelli transformed the house into "Thornfield" for his cinema version of "Jane Eyre", starring William Hurt. Viewers who tuned in to the B.B.C.'s production of the "Prince and the Pauper" in the Christmas of 1996 will also have been struck by the sheer beauty of Haddon, which was chosen as one of the principal film locations.

Visitors to Haddon will find their efforts greatly rewarded.

Open daily, 11.00- 17.00
April - September
(Closed Sundays in August)
Tel: 01629 812855



ROWSLEY

The Rivers Wye and Derwent meet at Rowsley, where the *Peacock Hotel* stands proud in the centre of the village. Built in 1652, as a gentlemen's residence and now a fine country hotel, the *Peacock* has long provided a rest haven for travellers to the Peak.

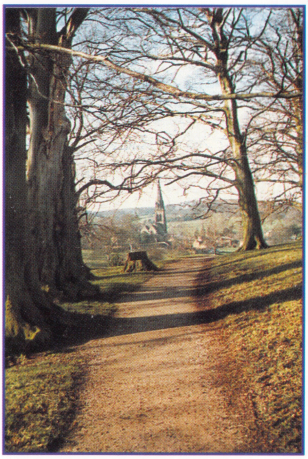
Nearby, is Caudwell's Flour Mill, built in 1874, which today is a working museum and craft centre. Having leased the site from the Duke of Rutland, John Caudwell spent some £7,000 building the mill that we see today. Visitors can see displays depicting the mill's history, its method of operation and also browse the various craft shops or take refreshments in the mill cafe.

Open Daily ~ March-October and at weekends in Winter. Tel: 01629 734374

BEELEY

From Rowsley our journey rises steeply through the woods onto open moorland and eventually, on beginning the descent into the village you will come across a car park from which you may wish to take a short stroll and take in the panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. Beeley is almost at the entrance to the glorious parklands of Chatsworth House and with its old grey stone houses, the village provides the ideal opportunity for a peaceful amble followed by sampling good food and real ale amidst the oak beams and open fires of the *Devonshire Arms*, which was originally built as three cottages in 1726 and converted to an inn some 15 years later.

CHATSWORTH



The home of The Duke & Duchess of Devonshire, Chatsworth is situated in a splendid setting on the banks of the River Derwent. Originally built in 1555 and much-developed by the Devonshire family over the centuries, Chatsworth House is undoubtedly one of the grandest houses in the country, being richly furnished and decorated throughout with painted walls and ceilings. The Gardens, too, provide a feast of surprises ~ fountains, herbaceous borders, rose garden and secluded walks amongst the shrubs and forest trees.

A visit to the Chatsworth estate offers the whole family a variety of things to do ~ why not take some time out to ~ Visit the superb Chatsworth Garden Centre and the Chatsworth Farm Shop at Pilsley ~ Tour the Working Farmyard or let the kid's wear off some of that eternal energy in the Adventure Playground.

House Open: March - November 11.00 - 16.30 · Garden Open March - November 13.00 - 17.00

Garden Centre & Cafe Open All Year

Farmyard & Adventure Playground, Shop & Cafe
March - September 10.30-16.30 For further information:Tel: 01246 582204

Chatsworth Farm Shop, Pilsley Open All Year 9.00-17.00 (Sundays 11.00-17.00) Tel: 01246 583982

EDENSOR to HASSOP

EDENSOR

On leaving Chatsworth, you will pass through the charming village of Edensor, moved to its current position around 1840, by the 6th Duke. The layout for this village was designed with no two houses alike! The village and church are well worth a short stroll and in the churchyard a plaque commemorates the visit of the U.S. President John F. Kennedy, in 1963, to see the grave of his sister, Kathleen the Marquess of Hartington.

BASLOW EDGE

Having passed through Baslow and up to the high ground overlooking the town of Chesterfield, we come to the unimaginatively named, 'Big Moor'. The National Car Park at Curbar Gap provides an ideal point to stop and take in the splended views of the Derwent Valley from Baslow Edge.

CALVER

The hills behind Calver provided grey marble, which was used in the rebuilding of Chatsworth House in the 17th century and for many years large lime furnaces once dominated the appearance of the village. Calver Mill has stood for almost 200 years and cotton was produced here until 1923. The building has seven floors with walls three feet thick and was used as the site for the filming of the BBC series 'Colditz'.

Derbyshire Craft Centre
Open Daily - 10.00-18.00
Large Craft Shop & Eating House
Tel: 01433 631231

HASSOP

Hassop and the Eyre family go back a long way. A leading Catholic family, Francis Eyre in 1816 built the unusual Catholic Church in classical temple style. The Eyres are said to be descended from a Norman Knight called Truelove who lost his leg at the Battle of Hastings.

A dismembered leg, complete with armour, is shown on the Eyre family crest.

The Country Bookstore
Hassop Station
Open All Year
Tel: 01629 813444

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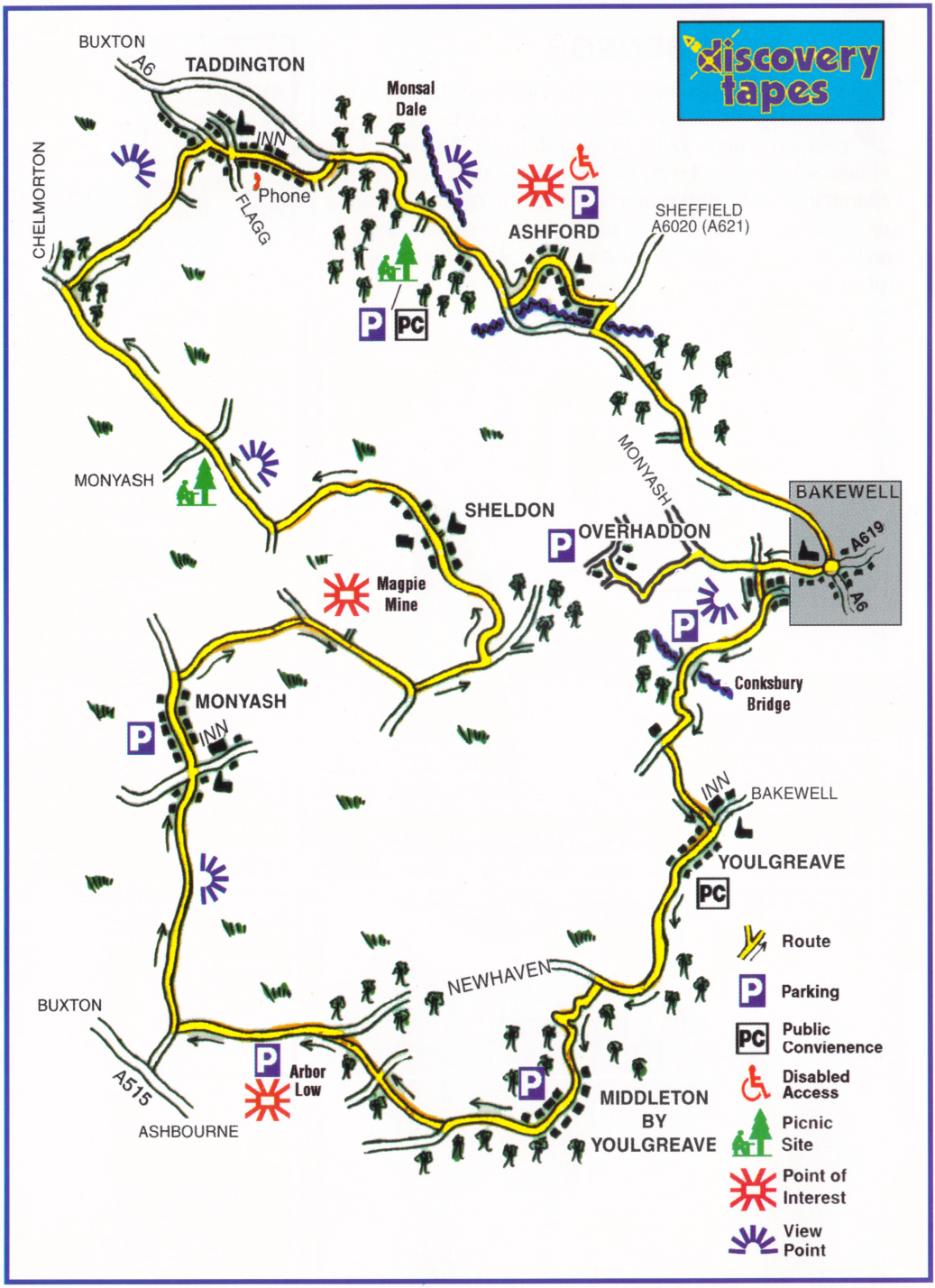

OVER HADDON to YOULGREAVE

OVER HADDON (LATHKILL DALE)

A small limestone village which provides the ideal starting point for those who wish to explore the beautiful valley of Lathkill Dale.

Now a National Nature Reserve, the dale with its wild and inspiring grassland, woodland and river stretches from Monyash to Over Haddon.

English Nature run guided walks, each Sunday afternoon from May - September, from the local Visitor Information Centre which is situated in the village.

Lathkill Dale Craft Centre
Open Daily - 10.00-17.00 (16.00 Winter)
Tel: 01629 812390

English Nature Information Centre
Tel: 01629 815095

YOULGREAVE

Youlgreave is situated on the plateau of the White Peak and overlooks the beautiful valley of Bradford Dale. The village has a history steeped in lead-mining, which had its heyday in the 17th century and continued through to the latter part of the last century. The village church, All Saints, which dates from Norman times, possesses a unique Norman font made of red sandstone, together with a rare example of Pre-Raphaelite art, in the form of the stained glass east window which was designed by William Morris and Sir E. Burne-Jones. In these days of privatised public utilities, Youlgreave has long had its own water supply, which from 1829 was pumped from a nearby spring to a large tank in the village known as The Fountain and which is now piped to each house in the village!

Nearby is the small and extremely picturesque hamlet of Middleton-by-Youlgreave, which in the 17th century was owned by the Fulwood family. During the Civil War, Christopher Fulwood, a staunch royalist mustered a 1000 local men for the service of his King. However, his house was surprised by Roundheads and destroyed. Fulwood, himself, fled into nearby Bradford Dale and hid between a rock and the cliff face where he was subsequently found and shot by his pursuers.

WHAT IS A WELL DRESSING?

Wells Dressings form a unique and ancient part of Derbyshire folk history, thought to have originated in Celtic Spring Worship, since the high limestone plateau of the Peak District springs provided the basic necessity of life ~ water.

The modern development of the ornately decorated boards with petals, berries, leaves and ferns dates from the 19th century and has become an annual custom which can be seen in many of the Derbyshire villages throughout the summer months.

ARBOR LOW to SHELDON

ARBOR LOW

Amidst the fields on the open plateau and some 1,200 feet above sea level lies one of the best known prehistoric sites in the Peak District. Situated within a 250 feet diameter oval bank are the 47 stones that form this ancient monument which is known as 'The Stonehenge of the Peak'. At the side is a Bronze Age barrow and some 300 yards away is Gib Hill, the largest round barrow in the area. Many of these early burial grounds were excavated during Victorian times by Thomas Bateman, who lived locally at Lomberdale House some three miles away in Middleton-by-Youlgreave and whose collection of antiquities now resides in the Sheffield City Museum. Arbor Low is open to the public and can be reached up the farm track where there is a small car park for visitors.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

There are some 6,000 miles of drystone walls in Derbyshire!

These walls make a unique contribution to the beauty of the Peak District.

Just imagine the degree of effort required to build them!.

MONYASH

In the middle of the green stands the remains of the old market cross, dating from 1340, when the village was given the right to hold a weekly market and twice-yearly fair. Markets are currently held on Spring and August Bank Holidays. Once a village with several meres, only Fere Mere remains which once provided the water supply for the village. In the 18th and 19th century the village was an important centre for the Quaker movement and also a major centre for the lead-mining industry, whose laws and customs have been enforced for over 700 years by the Great Barmote Court, which held its sessions within the village.

MAGPIE MINE AND SHELDON

On the journey from Monyash to Sheldon you will pass by one of the best preserved lead-mines in the country ~ Magpie Mine. It is difficult today to imagine the extent to which the lead-mining industry played a part in those bygone days ~ even today there are an estimated 70,000 uncovered mineshafts in the Peak District! Sheldon is an ideal place to park up and take one of the many footpaths that lead to Magpie Mine. The shaft at the mine is over 700 feet deep and the engine house was built in 1864 to raise water to the surface, but the high cost of coal to power the engine made this uneconomic. Subsequently, a sough of some 1.25 miles was built to drain water away into the River Wye. However, the sough took some 4 years to build and by the time of its completion the price of lead had fallen significantly!

TADDINGTON to ASHFORD

TADDINGTON

After several miles on the White Peak plateau, the descent into Taddington offers the traveller a breathtaking change in scenery. There were, at one time, four pubs in the village ~ today only the Queens' Arms remains in this, one of the highest villages in the country.

MONSAL DALE

Without doubt the most beautiful dale in the Peak District. To appreciate its true splendour, take time out for a walk alongside the winding river, until you reach the famous five-arched Monsal Viaduct, which used to carry steam trains on the line between Bakewell and Buxton. To enter the dale, which is overlooked by the hill of Fin Cop, please leave your car at the car park at the bottom of Taddington Dale and cross over the A6 to the sign-posted footpath. Although surrounded by imposing hills and woodland the walk along the valley floor is largely on flat ground ~ the ideal opportunity to stretch the legs as we near the end of our journey.

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER

Situated in the Wye valley and sheltered from harsh winters by the surrounding hills, the village has a warmer feel than some of its outlying neighbours. With its delightful old Sheepwash Bridge spanning the River Wye, Ashford lies on the ancient road known as the Portway and during the17th century as many as 300 pack-horses a week passed through the village loaded with malt. The six old water pumps are dressed annually for the Wells Dressing Festival, which is held over the weekend of Trinity Sunday. Popular through the year, Ashford's photographic qualities are well renowned and also enhanced by the quality of its two pubs - *The Bulls' Head* and *The Ashford Hotel & Restaurant.*

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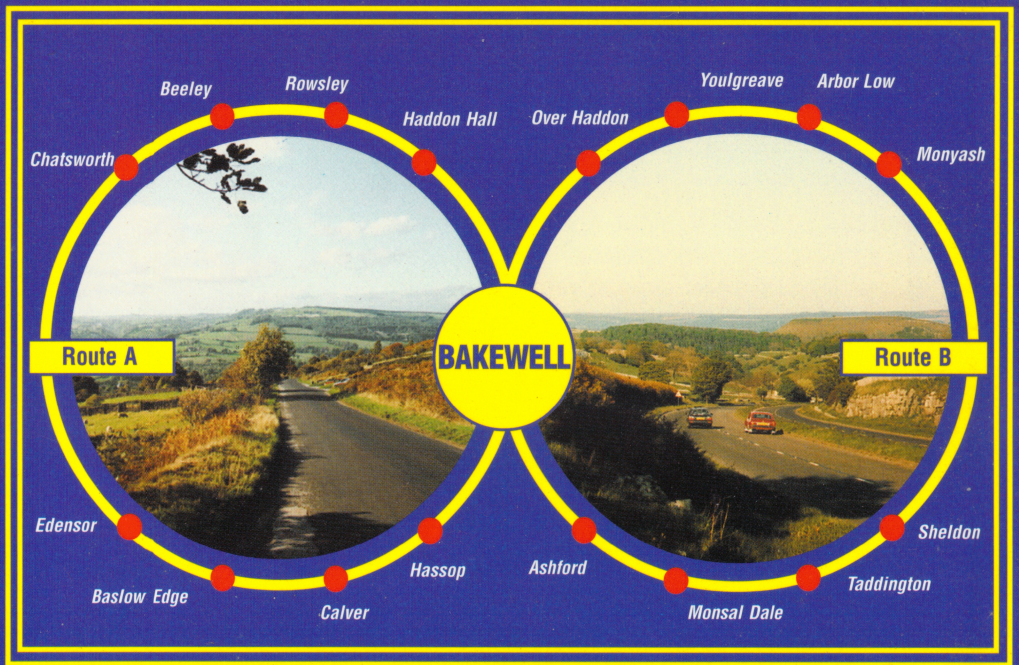
ENJOY TWO SCENIC DRIVES STARTING AND FINISHING FROM THE HISTORICAL DERBYSHIRE TOWN OF BAKEWELL



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